

## REMARKS

Claim 1-24 are pending. Claims 1-24 are rejected. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 17, 18 and 21 have been amended. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-24 of the application as amended is requested.

*Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103*

Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Heide (U.S. Patent No. 5,677,909) in view of Haarsten (U.S. Patent No. 6,574,266).

During an October 25, 2005 phone meeting a proposed claim amendment to claim 5 was discussed. Support for the amendment may be found in the present specification, page 6, lines 15-32. The Examiner indicated that the references do not teach at least the elements included in the claim amendment.

In summary, it was discussed that the infrared based system of Heide negotiates and assigns values of DID (destination identifier) and SID (source identifier) fields for identification during communications. See col. 5, lines 61-67. The central station also “sequentially issues a CTS frame to every remote station that made a reservation.” See col. 9, lines 39-44. Figure 4C shows this CTS frame with the DID field and SID fields. Thus, Heide fails to teach one of the remote stations determining whether the Media Access Control address from the polling frame matches an address of a Medium Access Control (MAC) sublayer of the device. Haarsten also fails to teach this element.

In contrast, claim 5 includes the element of a communication device determining whether the Media Access Control address from the polling frame matches an address of a Medium Access Control (MAC) sublayer of the device. Thus claim 5 should be allowed. Claims 6-8 are dependant.

The Examiner recommended similar claim amendments to the other independent claims 1, 9, 13, 17 and 21 to overcome the Heide/Haarsten rejection. Accordingly, independent claims 1, 9, 13, 17 and 21 have been amended. Thus claims 1-4 and 9-24 should be allowed.


The Examiner also recommended that the language “adapted to” be removed from claims 1, 2, 5 and 6. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 have been amended to reflect the Examiner’s suggestion.

**Conclusion**

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-24 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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